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Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$3,000,000.
INSTALLED received on
NEW SHARES, 926,765.62

RESERVE FUND, \$2,000,000.
INSTALLED OF PREMIUMS received on NEW SHARES, 998,336.43

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T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, August 25, 1883.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned begs to give Notice that he has SOLD the STOCK IN TRADE and GOODWILL of the BUSINESS of the late JOHN NOBLE to Messrs. C. J. GAUPP & Co.

JOHN S. COX,
Administrator to the Estate of the late JOHN NOBLE.

WITH Reference to the above, we beg to Notify that we have PURCHASED the BUSINESS of the late JOHN NOBLE, which will be carried on in the present Premises and under the same Style as heretofore, and having now the largest and most Assorted Stock of WATCHES and JEWELLERY in the Colony, we trust to receive the Continuance of the Patronage Bestowed upon our predecessor.

CHAS. J. GAUPP & Co.
Hongkong, November 19, 1883. del19

Intimations.

NOTICE.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FROM this date, Mr. A. McIVER will resume Charge of the Company's BUSINESS at this Port.

E. L. WOODIN,
Acting Superintendent.
Hongkong, November 23, 1883.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONDS FOR THE YEAR 1882.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby requested to send in to this Office a List of their Contributions of Premiums for the year ending 31st December last, in Order that the PROPORTION OF PROFIT for that year to be Paid as BONUS to CONTRIBUTORS may be arranged. Returns not sent in before the 30th November next will be made up by the Company, and no subsequent Claims or Alterations will be allowed.

By Order of the Board,
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, September 1, 1883. del1

WILLIAM DOLAN,
SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER,
22, PRAYA CENTRAL.

COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANVAS, MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN OAKUM, LIFE BOOYS, OAK JACKETS, &c., &c., &c.
Hongkong, May 1, 1882.

Intimations.

THE STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

(Incorporated with limited liability under the Indian Companies' Act, 1860.)

Capital \$2,000,000 in 20,000 Shares of \$100 each; payable \$5 each on application, and \$15 on allotment.
Further calls not to exceed \$20 per Share, not to be made at less than three months interval.

DIRECTORS.
Thomas Scott, Esq., (Messrs Guthrie & Co., Singapore), Chairman. Th. Sobat, Esq., (Messrs Pott & Co., Rangoon & Co., Singapore). G. A. Addie, Esq., (Manager, Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China, Singapore). J. L. L. Jones, Esq., (Messrs Behn Meyer & Co., Singapore). Max Behn, Esq., (Messrs Kutz Bros., Singapore). C. O. V. Glass, Esq., (Messrs Macalister & Co., Singapore). G. B. Jones, Esq., (Messrs Edgar & Co., Singapore). Syed Mahmood Alioff, Esq., (Singapore). Ong Kew Ho, Esq., (Messrs Kow Ho & Co., Singapore). Quah Beng Hong, Esq., (Messrs Bun Hin & Co., Singapore). Woo Boun Teck, Esq., (Messrs Woe Hin & Co., Singapore). Tan Tong Sen, Esq., (Messrs Koh & Co., Singapore). Loh Lam, Esq., (Loh Koo Seng, Singapore).

Applications for Shares will be received by
ARNHOLD, KARBBERG & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, November 21, 1883. no28

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

QUARANTINE AT EGYPTIAN AND CONTINENTAL PORTS.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made for passing the Company's Steamers through the SUEZ CANAL in QUARANTINE, thus avoiding any detention in Egypt. The Honorable Mail is now being landed at YENICE, but the QUARANTINE which is still imposed at this and all other CONTINENTAL PORTS prevents the landing of Passengers, and those travelling by the Company's Steamers are advised to remain on board the Vessel which calls at MARSEILLES en route, stopping a few hours only to discharge Cargo, and proceed in her direct to LONDON, thus avoiding all QUARANTINE delays and inconveniences.

The Passengers of the Steamers will be accelerated, and they will not call at MALTA or GIBRALTAR.

A. McIVER,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, September 6, 1883.

HOP SHING & Co.,
ENGINEERS, BOILER MAKERS,
COPPER FOUNDERS, BRASS & IRON
FOUNDERS, &c., &c.,
NESS-IRON WORKS.

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ENGINE ROOM STORE, WEST POINT,
Hongkong.

24th September, 1883. 28ac64

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE THIRD CALL of £10 Sterling per SHARE on the 20,000 SHARES, NEW ISSUE of this Corporation, will fall due on the 30th SEPTEMBER CURRENT, in London, Calcutta, Bombay, Shanghai and Hongkong. Registered SHAREHOLDERS entitled to NEW SHARES, are requested to Pay, at the respective OFFICES, the above Call or its equivalent in the Currency of the above-mentioned places.

Provisional CERTIFICATES are being issued in Exchange for the 1st Call Receipts, which are to be surrendered to the Bank. Holders of PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATES, when paying this Call, will please send same to this Office to be endorsed.

The Rate of Exchange for Hongkong is fixed at 1/4. 7/8. or \$84.70 per Share. Interest at the Rate of 7 1/2 per Annum will be Charged on Calls unpaid on the 30th SEPTEMBER.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, September 12, 1883.

IT frequently occurs that from damp or otherwise Good Tea is spoiled from the fact of being musty, mouldy, unsalable to Foreigners' taste and unfit for their use.

This refined Tea the Lady Superiors of the Italian Convent now come forward and begs the LADIES and GENTLEMEN to let her have for her numerous Chinese pupils, for whom the sole beverage of luxury is Tea.

Hongkong, September 10, 1883.

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Now Ready.

No. 2.—Vol. XII.

—OF THE—

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CONTAINS—

The "Phonetic Sikuoh Wan."

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The Tributary Nations of China.

The Close of a Journey through Hainan.

Notes of New Books and Literary Intelligence.

Notes and Queries.

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Punishment of Bannermen.

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The Re-population of An Hui.

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BEST FRENCH KID GLOVES,

in White and Grey, with Patent Fasteners.

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CAMBRIC TIES and BOWS,

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Hongkong, November 17, 1883.

SAYLE & Co.'s

SHOW-ROOMS.

WE INTEND MAKING A SPECIAL SHOW

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SAYLE & Co.,

VICTORIA EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, November 21, 1883.

Intimations.

VICTORIA HOTEL,

22, PRAYA CENTRAL.

Proprietors:

DORABEE & HING KEE,

Late Lessees of the Hongkong Hotel.

THE Community of Hongkong are respectfully informed that the "VICTORIA HOTEL" will be OPENED on SATURDAY, the 1st December, 1883.

Hongkong, November 24, 1883. de8

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A Second and Final BONUS of Five per cent. on Contributions, and a DIVIDEND of EIGHTEEN DOLLARS and TWENTY-NINE CENTS per Share for the year 1882, will be Payable on MONDAY, the 28th Instant.

WARRANT may be had on application at the Office of the Society on and after that date.

By Order of the Board,
DOUGLAS JONES,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, October 22, 1883.

A Good BOOKKEEPER, who has a few spare hours in the early morning, would be glad to take Charge of a Set of Accounts. Terms very moderate.

Address "M. M. R.,"
c/o China Mail Office.

Hongkong, August 24, 1883.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

ON and after the 1st OCTOBER, the PRICE of ICE will be REDUCED to 1 1/2 Cents per pound.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, September 16, 1883.

VICTORIA HOTEL.

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Late Lessees of the Hongkong Hotel.

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Hongkong, November 20, 1883. ja20

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Hongkong, November 21, 1883.

Insurances.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF His Majesty King George The First, A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant INSURANCES as follows:—

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Policies at current rates, payable either here, in London, or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

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Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents of the above Company, are authorized to Insure against FIRE at Current Rates.

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Hongkong, January 1, 1882.

THE STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company are prepared to Grant POLICIES on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World, at current rates.

ARNHOLD, KARBBERG & Co.

Hongkong, November 5, 1883. 5ny84

NOTICE.

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THE Undersigned are prepared to accept Risks on First Class Godowns at 1 per cent. net premium per annum.

NORTON & Co., Agents

Hongkong, May 19, 1881.

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ARNHOLD, KARBBERG & Co.,

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Hongkong, January 4, 1887.

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Hongkong, November 1, 1881.

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A Pure, Fine-Flavoured Blend, Equal in Bouquet and Style to the Finest FRENCH BRANDY.

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Hongkong, October 19, 1883. 19ja84

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OF THE

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BY

DR. E. J. EITEL.

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A Supplement, arranged for being bound and used by itself, and containing a List of the Radicals, an Index, and a List of Surnames, will be published and sold separately.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

the head of the Bull that are not in Argon-land's Uranian. The Bull's head was last seen last night until the end of March, after which there was a large proportion of fine sky. At Puno, on Lake Titicaca, 12,000 feet, with a 6-inch telescope mounted on a lathe headstock, a number of small planetary nebulae, and some stars with a 10-inch telescope, were found by sweeping the southern part of the Milky Way with a prism on Prof. Plöcker's plan. The most remarkable stars had spectra reduced almost to two lines, one near D, and the other beyond F, with a wave-length of 487 mμ, and apparently identical with a line in the spectrum of the nebulae as observed by Mr. Lohse and Mr. Copeland. A few close double stars were also found, amongst them a Musci.

At Vinocaya, 14,360 feet, the solar spectrum was examined with a somewhat damaged instrument. The spectrum was the relative brightness of the violet end of the spectrum. With a small spectroscopic lens were seen beyond H and H₂. The prominences were visible with almost equal facility in C, D, F, and H. Attempts to see the corona proved futile, nor were the prominences seen otherwise with a lens in the spectroscopic lens. The only difference being that the slit could be opened far wider than that at the sea-level. A most careful examination of the violet end failed to show even the slightest suspicion of a line in the spectrum, which was continuous although a slight blue at Puno. The air was very dry, the relative humidity there at Arequipa, 7,700 feet, being as low as 20 per cent. At Vinocaya the local bulb at one time stood above the local boiling point, while the wet bulb was coated with ice. The author was of opinion that the spectroscopic lens was without discomfition up to 12,000 feet, or even a little higher—the night temperature falling only slightly below the freezing point. At greater elevations the thermometer falls 1° for every 150 feet of height, the barometer sinking about 0.1 inch for the same change. At 15,000 feet it will be seen that the spectroscopic lens is without discomfition at 12,000 feet, or even a little higher—the night temperature falling only slightly below the freezing point. At greater elevations the thermometer falls 1° for every 150 feet of height, the barometer sinking about 0.1 inch for the same change.

FATAL STABBING AFFRAY IN HUNG HOM VILLAGE.

Still another tragic occurrence has just taken place in this Colony. Last night, one Chinaman stabbed another to death in the street of Hung Hom Village, and then decamped. The details of the case as at present known are as follows:—For some time past it is said a man named Lau Ah, a resident of Hok Yung Kok in British Kowloon, has been cohabiting with the wife, or rather paramour, of another man in the same village. Frequent quarrels about this matter have taken place between the two men. About seven o'clock last night they met in the street in Hung Hom village, and without much parley, the rival of the deceased pulled out a knife, or some other sharp instrument, and thrust into the side of Lau Ah. Up till now the police have been unable to find any one who will admit that they saw the affair, but their enquiries have elicited the information that deceased seized hold of his assailant, who, however, managed to free himself and get off. Deceased then made his way to the shop where he had been employed as a carpenter for some days past. There he had his wound bandaged and attended to, but not before he had lost a considerable quantity of blood. He was conscious at the time, but all he said was that he had been stabbed by Chung Asan. Later on the police at Hung Hom Station were informed of what had occurred, and the wounded man was conveyed to the Station. A telegram was sent from Hung Hom to Yau Ma Tei Station for the ambulance to get the man removed to hospital; but before it arrived he had expired.

Diligent search is being made for Chung Asan, who is well known, and if he is in British jurisdiction the police are confident that they will be able to find him. He is a stonecutter by profession, but for a short time past he has been working as a butcher. At the inquest on the body of the deceased this afternoon, Inspector Cameron said all the witnesses were too frightened to give evidence regarding the man who is wanted, as he belonged to a trade society and had a different surname from that of deceased and themselves. They anticipated much trouble if they said or did anything which would get him punished.

An inquest was held at the Government Civil Hospital this afternoon before the Coroner, Mr. H. E. Wodehouse and the following gentlemen as a jury:—Messrs. E. J. M. Faggin, E. Z. Ferreira, and T. V. Jones.

After the Coroner and jury had viewed the body of the deceased, Dr. Marquis was called and said deceased was dead when brought to the hospital. He found a wound about one inch broad, about five inches below the right hypochondriac region. Blood was oozing from the wound. This was the only mark of violence he found on the body. A portion of the intestines were protruding from the wound. The body was that of a fairly healthy man. He was unable to state the extent of the injuries without making a post mortem examination.

The Coroner ordered an examination to be made. Li Ahung said he was master of a shop in Hung Hom. He knew deceased, who was named Lau Ah, who was about 27 years of age, and who was a carpenter by trade. He resided in witness's shop. About seven o'clock yesterday evening, he left the shop, and ten minutes later he ran back into the shop, called out that he had been stabbed by a man named Chung Asan, and sat down on a stool in the shop. Witness saw deceased had a wound in the right side, from which blood was flowing. He then sent a man to report the matter to the police, and also procured medicines from a Chinese chemist's shop. This he applied to the wound, and bandaged it up. A sergeant came, and by his order, one of witness's men carried deceased on his back to the Police Station. Deceased was so anxious all the time he was in the shop; but he gave no account of what had happened.

ed; he only said he had been stabbed by Chung Asan. Witness did not know who Chung Asan was.

Inspector Cameron being asked by the Coroner if it was the case that witness did not know who Chung Asan was, said witness was very timid. Last night he told a Chinese Sergeant he knew Chung Asan, but this morning he said he did not know. Lau Ah said he was employed by last witness, and lived in the same house. He had known deceased for a few days. About two minutes past seven yesterday evening, deceased asked witness to go and take a cup of tea. Witness declined, but accompanied him as far as the shop door. After sufficient time to have taken a cup of tea had elapsed, deceased ran back into the shop and said he had been stabbed by Chung Asan. Deceased was bleeding from the side. Witness reported the matter at Hung Hom Station. The Sergeant went in search of him, and found him. Witness remained in the Station until deceased was brought to it by the Sergeant. Deceased did not say why he had been stabbed. Witness did not know Chung Asan; he knew he was a Hok Yung Kok man, and a butcher by trade. They were friends when he knew Chung Asan, but Chung Asan had got married, and so he had told him she did not want him to support her. That was the reason they separated. No one supported her now. She earned her living herself by carrying stones. A female relative of Chung Asan lived in the same house with her. She had no family. Chung Asan scolded her because he said she had a very bad temper. Lau Ah only came to her house once.

Lau Ah, a hawker who keeps a stall in front of the shop adjoining the one into which deceased ran, said he saw deceased being stabbed, but he did not know who stabbed him. He said he knew nothing about the affair. He neither knew Chung Asan, nor deceased, nor had he seen or heard of any quarrel. Lau Ah said he was a widow and deceased was her nephew. She had seen him and Chung Asan while speaking to each other in the street, but he did not know the habit of going to Chung Asan's house, and staying there all night. This witness was unable to give any reason as to why deceased should have been stabbed by Chung Asan.

The inquest was then remanded until next Tuesday at 2.30 at the Magistrate.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

The force of example would seem to be as powerful in suicide as in other matters. Only a week or two ago we were startled by the dreadful tragedy in Gage Street, and now another member of the community has endeavored to shuffle off the stage of life under almost identical circumstances, contenting himself, however, with shooting himself. Possibly when he carried that revolver into Cochrane Street he intended to die in company, but better thoughts prevailed. To discourage the reckless throwing away of life in this manner, I must say I fail to appreciate what was intended to be the last words of this unfortunate man: "I do happy," and when I have straddled and fretted my hour upon the stage I should prefer to cast off the mortal coil in a little more reputable dwelling than No. 4, Cochrane Street.

The next man who follows the example of Messrs. Drowes and Kennedy I shall write of in an even less sympathetic strain *pour déconner les autres*.

There is one feature in the go-a-headness of this race that I don't like. Years ago residents here used to receive three-volume opiques from their relatives at home; now their mother, or their dearest friend, sends them a post-card. And yet we talk of the blessings of progress.

Lum Ahit must be a criminal in high esteem amongst the Police. According to your report of the Criminal Sessions, held on Thursday, Mr. Lum had been concerned in the robbery of a bale of calico, and when he afterwards met Inspector Lindsay, before a word had passed between the two, he courteously and considerably placed his queue in the Inspector's hand, and said: "I took the bale." Verily we may desire to be saved from the candid friend, but give us, O give us, the candid thief—if we are to have any thieves at all.

Inspector Lindsay is no doubt a detective who "spots" and captures his man with unerring accuracy, and the incident reminds me of the story of the Yankee cowboys, who, seeing a pioneer, a noted crack shot, aiming at him, asked our friend with the gun for his name, and finding that his fears were well founded, called out: "Well, you needn't fire; I'll come down!"

We get, or should get, as nice fish in Hongkong as in any part of the world, excepting Japan. But we haven't a market into which European can go with comfort to see what a beautiful supply of excellent fish is on sale in this Colony. I ventured into the market the other morning and was as delighted with the fish on sale there, as I was disgusted with the limited accommodation for buyers and sellers, and the general appearance of the place. This Inspector, I believe, does his work very well, but he cannot make bricks out of straw.

I hear that at Shanghai a good season for game is expected. Please don't forget your compatriots on these barren rocks, ye dwellers in the "Model Settlement."

A correspondent asks us if I cannot find

some consolation in the fact that the Admiral appointed to replace our present Sir Joseph Porter is Dr. Well. I hope he will do all he can to afford protection to Her Majesty's subjects in the gorgeous East, if the present crisis terminates in war.

As you justly observed in your last night's paper, the destruction of General Hicks' army of 10,000 men in Upper Egypt is a frightful calamity. There were many well-known English officers with the force. Some time ago I recollect reading an account of an engagement between the rebels and General Hicks' men. This was before the false Prophet retreated so far South. There was charge after charge of the rebel cavalry against the Egyptian soldiers under the command of Hicks; volley after volley was poured on those daring horsemen, who, in spite of the deadly leaden hail that caused men and horses to tumble over like nine-pins, rushed again and again up to the ranks of Hicks' men, only to recoil each time before the hedge of steel that met them. Had, said the correspondent who described this battle, this hedge of steel been once broken, probably every man of us would have been destroyed.

Away hundreds of miles south, in Upper Egypt, the 30,000 followers of the false Prophet appear to have broken Hicks' ranks, and only one man has survived out of 10,500!

The English officers in this expedition, who have presumably all perished, were Major-General Hicks, late of the Bombay Staff; Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. J. Colborne; late Major of the 11th Foot; Lieut.-Colonel Colclough, late Major of the 70th Foot; Major Martin, late Captain of Baker's Horse in South Africa; Major Farquhar, late Captain in the Grenadier Guards; Captain Forester Walker, late Lieutenant of the Buffs or East Kent regiment; Captain Massey, late Lieutenant of the Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex Regiment); Surgeon-Major Rosenberg; Major Warner, Captain W. Page Phillips, and Mr. E. B. Evans, Intelligence Department. The cavalry was under the command of Major Martin; the artillery, with Nordenföld guns, is under the command of Captain Forester Walker.

Supposing that war ensues between France and China, and Canton is blockaded, whence, O whence, are we to get our daily provisions?

This is a most momentous question. Macao may save us from starvation, but what will be the price of roast beef at Christmas time? and just fancy the rise that will ensue in the value of garden stuff! Think of these homely facts, and confound all disturbers of peace.

I do not feel particularly excited over the approaching election of a member of Legislative Council by the Justices of the Peace—I presume that the election of Mr. Jackson for the Chamber of Commerce is a foregone conclusion—because Mr. Bellios, Mr. McEwen and Mr. Sassoon are all excellent men for the position, and I really care very little which of them will attain the dignity of "honourable." I think, however, Mr. Bellios will prove to be the honored man; his claims are, I think, the most sound, and, although he ran a little counter to public sentiment during Sir John Pope Hennessy's time, I can forgive him all that if he promises to study public opinion here a little more closely in future in his representative character. Both Mr. McEwen and Mr. Sassoon are young men, and can afford to wait. It is not likely the election will very much excite us, seeing how few residents are electors.

I hear that the number of Chinese Justices are to be increased. For the Chinese membership, if the fact of his not being a British subject did not stand in his way, there is one Chinese who would be equally acceptable to Europeans and Westerners of the queue. I refer to Mr. Wong Shing, who, in addition to being one of the largest owners of real estate in the Colony, has had a varied experience of men and manners both in Europe and America. He was, I believe, Commissioner to Peru and Consul General in San Francisco. At present he is living retired in the Colony, and his advice is always welcome to the leading members of the Chinese community. But I understand Mr. Wong Shing will not become a British subject, even for a seat in the Legislative Council.

Just as I am closing my weekly notes, I hear of another murder in the Colony. Murder will out, and it seems to be making the most of the opening it is having in Hongkong just now.

CUTTLE.

Police Intelligence.
(Before Capt. H. G. Thomson, R.N.)
Tuesday, Nov. 27.

Wong Afuk, hawker, for stealing the jacket of a hawker, was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

John Guines, clerk, was brought up for assaulting native accountant, and giving him a black-eye. Defendant said he did it in self-defence, as the complainant threatened to strike him. Fined one dollar.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.
Yip A Yung, coolie, was charged with the unlawful possession of 100 mule bags. The owner of the bags identified them as his property; defendant, having no good excuse, was sentenced to one month's hard labour.

IMPRISONED.
Pun Achi, jingalee coolie, was convicted of stealing an umbrella. The property of Mr. Stockhausen.

It appeared that the complainant left his umbrella in defendant's kitchen, and that the latter went off with it. Sentenced to one month's hard labour.

THEFT.
Ho Ayan, against whom there was a previous conviction, was caught in the act of picking a man's pocket, and was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

(Before H. E. Wodehouse, Esq.)

DISBURSED.
Christian Frederick, William Patterson, proprietor of the German Tavern, was brought up on remand for assaulting one Frederick Roth, who had recently been in his employ. Very polite language was used, but defendant did not appear to have committed the assault, and the case was dismissed.

THE BLACK FLAGS.

It is very possible that there is a substitution of truth in the statement that the Black Flags have retired at the instance of the Annamese mandarins. The news comes to us well from Hong Kong as from Cochinchina. The Black Flags are not in Annamese pay at Kouang, a station some fifty miles or so above Sontay, for fifteen years. I found that the only means of maintaining a semblance of order in their northern dependency was to keep up a body of Black Flag mercenaries. Accordingly, a force of 300 or more of these Annamese mercenaries was sent to Kouang, a station some fifty miles or so above Sontay, for fifteen years. I found that the only means of maintaining a semblance of order in their northern dependency was to keep up a body of Black Flag mercenaries. Accordingly, a force of 300 or more of these Annamese mercenaries was sent to Kouang, a station some fifty miles or so above Sontay, for fifteen years. 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